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The City Council
City Hall
735 Anacapa St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Pen and Paper Map of Proposed Council Districts

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council:

It is with pleasure that I submit my version of a proposed city council district map.

Please accept it and process it along with all other maps submitted for discussion and consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Jerry O. Crow

enc.: A proposed map (two pages)
Goals

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Goals

1. Keep neighborhoods together

Mine: The line based on Gillespie Street runs through my house, with the living room and bedroom in the West, and the kitchen and dining room in the Mesa.

So discussions about politics and sex will be West issues and food and entertainment in the Mesa district. Or perhaps, my wife will be in one while I am in the other. The observation is that the map based on Gillespie Street divides the traditionally West are into parts which dilute the majority Latino voters into two groups, and mixes one of them into the predominantly White Mesa, thereby preventing a Latino in the West from winning an election.

2. The ArcGIS computer program turned out to require a citizen to have either an NASA engineer card to run it, or a shy 13 years old with no backyard to play in. I gave up and submitted a pen and paper map which did not allow for balancing the various districts with the computer-integrated data in order to "balance" the different districts so that the outcome of a vote could be more readily predetermined.

3. Predetermining outcomes based on the boundaries of the map makes former U.S. Congressman Gerry, famous for his "Gerrymander" map after which all of the proposed maps I say were inspired by, creates a foundation for corruption in the new system. A Gerrymandered map never stimulates enfranchisement, it discourages it and in many cases, disenfranchises voters, either by law, fact, or the inevitable frustration that the voter's vote is meaningless. Voting undermines patriotism, community, and American values, all of which weaken society, not strengthen it. These Gerrymandered maps should be rejected because they are un-American.

4. Speaking of Un-American, the underlying principles of the settlement, that voters' districts should be drawn based in racism, is as infeasible as it was when antebellum public facilities were separated into separate but equal facilities in order to allow for a majority of minorities in one area based on race compared to another to allow for majority minority of a different color. This was once a creative idea to separate races in order to form separate but equal cultural groupings, but was ultimately found to



- be philosophically intolerable, economically unequal, and politically unstable that the courts had to dismantle it completely.
5. The maps as presented in the newspapers invite a follow-up lawsuit to challenge the one to be adopted by the City Council and the Plaintiffs, with cigars in hand in the back room, following public input which will have little to no impact on their bargain for power based on Gerrymandered district voting areas. Even with an agreement, a court is likely not bound by law to approve it and if the court's conscience is pricked by the violation of legal principles like one man, one vote, equal protection, voter dilution, and outcome designed to be predicted and controlled based on race, it may reject the plan that the City and Plaintiff agree upon after the cigar and brandy meetings to follow.
 6. As a citizen, I would prefer that the City and Plaintiff become so frustrated by the process that they cannot reach an agreement on the map of their choice, and by default, the court will be placed in the position to decide how the city will be carved up using principles more familiar to the court than the back room filled with recalcitrant negotiators failing to gain the advantage they had noted for, all the while increasing the tax burden of the taxpayer due to the cost of legal services needed to make democracy work. The court may choose to appoint special masters to research the history of this case, the law of electioneering, the limits of Gerrymandering, and a formula which is not based on racism against unprotected classes guaranteeing unequal protection of citizens.
 7. All of this invites the next lawsuit which will capitalize on the gains this lawsuit has made, and seeks to remove the Constitutionally violations claimed by the next Plaintiff and the Court, resulting in a new set of maps based on entirely different principles than the ones the City and Plaintiff's come up with in the back room.
 8. It would appear that the next lawsuit will not be filed until after the election, and when half the city will be disenfranchised from voting at all, and the other half will vote according to the computer model designed to seat candidates, not eligible by the content of their character, but by the color of their skin. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would be offended, again, with "the spirit" of what he sought to overcome during his civil rights campaign to bring equality to the public election system. The plaintiff in the next lawsuit will be draped with the American flag, carrying King posters to every public event, and campaigning for the overturn of a



- corrupt plan while advocating the adoption of his dream of a better America.
9. So endure the public meeting, go back and play with the computer model, break out the cigars and brandy, and make sausage and laws knowing that there are predictions that what you come up with will not be supported by American principles, American people, and American politics.
 10. The voters and taxpayers will have to appeal to the court to sort it all out and return power to the people using principles which can survive Constitutional challenge, preserve the people's passion to support and defend the Constitution, and build up community, economy, and upward mobility in inspiring ways. Only the court, independent of corruption, political and otherwise, can free us from the tyranny of the back room and its cigars and brandy and a menu passed around to carve up the people for their political meal while the voters and taxpayers, once again, find themselves not at the table in the back as a powerful player, but on the table in the front as an entre on the menu.
 11. The map I submitted was not based on race, but was based primarily on physical divisions that divide and group people by geography. That is, the freeway, steep cliffs where people don't live or go over but go around, deep barranca where people don't go down but go around, and roadways, like the freeway, where people don't cross but go around. These "go around" principles divide people naturally, and once divided, they segregate themselves based on common interest, not race, although the price of the best real estate always excludes the poor and favors the rich. Still, whether governor, land owner, merchant, worker or retiree or visiting tourist, my map encourages the best principles while avoiding the worst. When adjusted to meet equal protection requirements, it will help the court in its deliberation process to come up with a more perfect map.

Conclusion: I find that this forum is not intended, designed, nor capable of obtaining a just outcome. Only the court can do that. I find that the forum will instead show the people how far we have come from combining self-interest into a more perfect union of political power than the oppressor they found themselves bound to in the past. They went to war. I urge the taxpayers and voters to go back to court to win according to the laws of jurisprudence, for that way is the only way that will help us survive and grow over time.

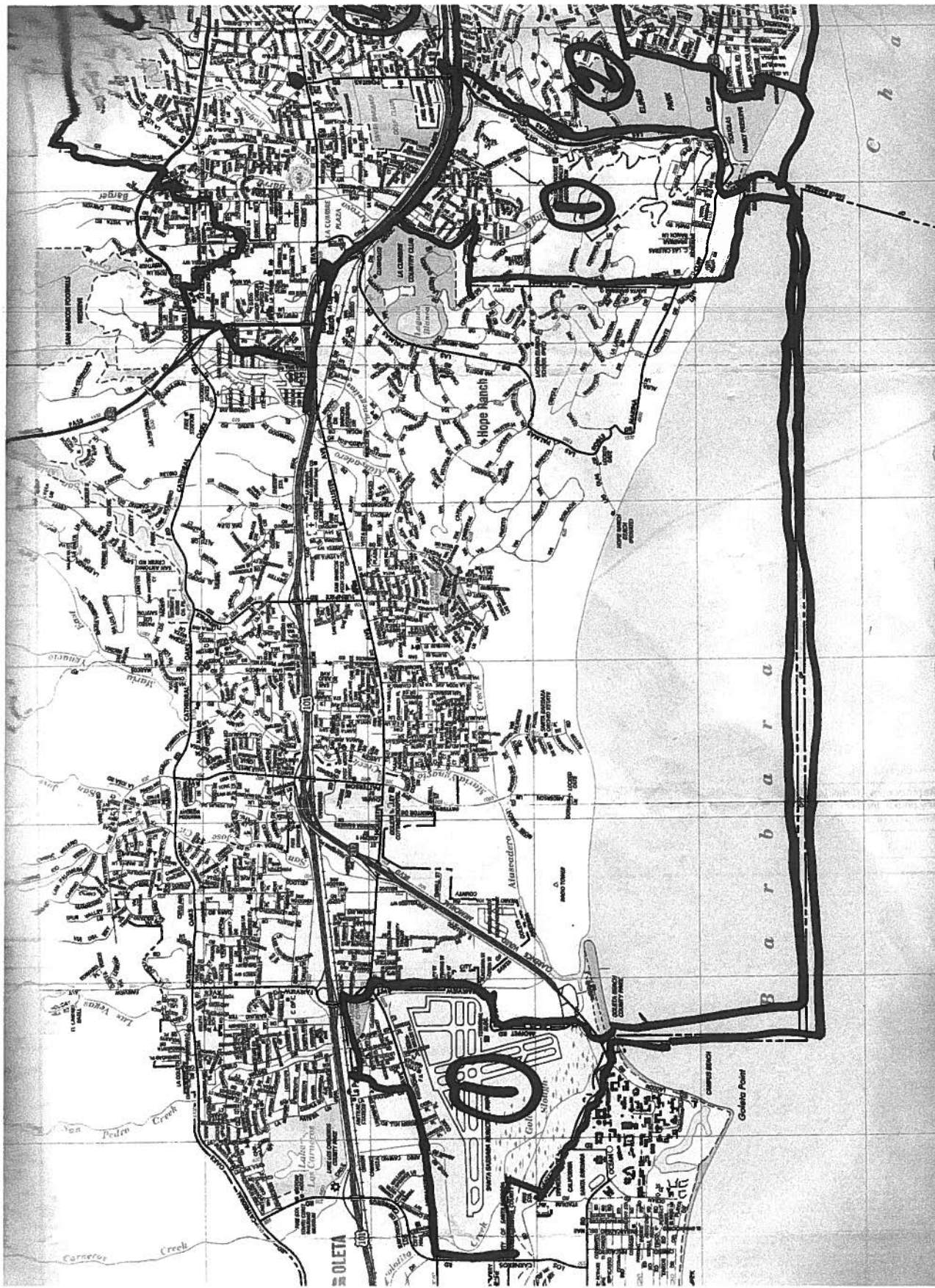
Thank you for listening. And may God Bless the United States of America.














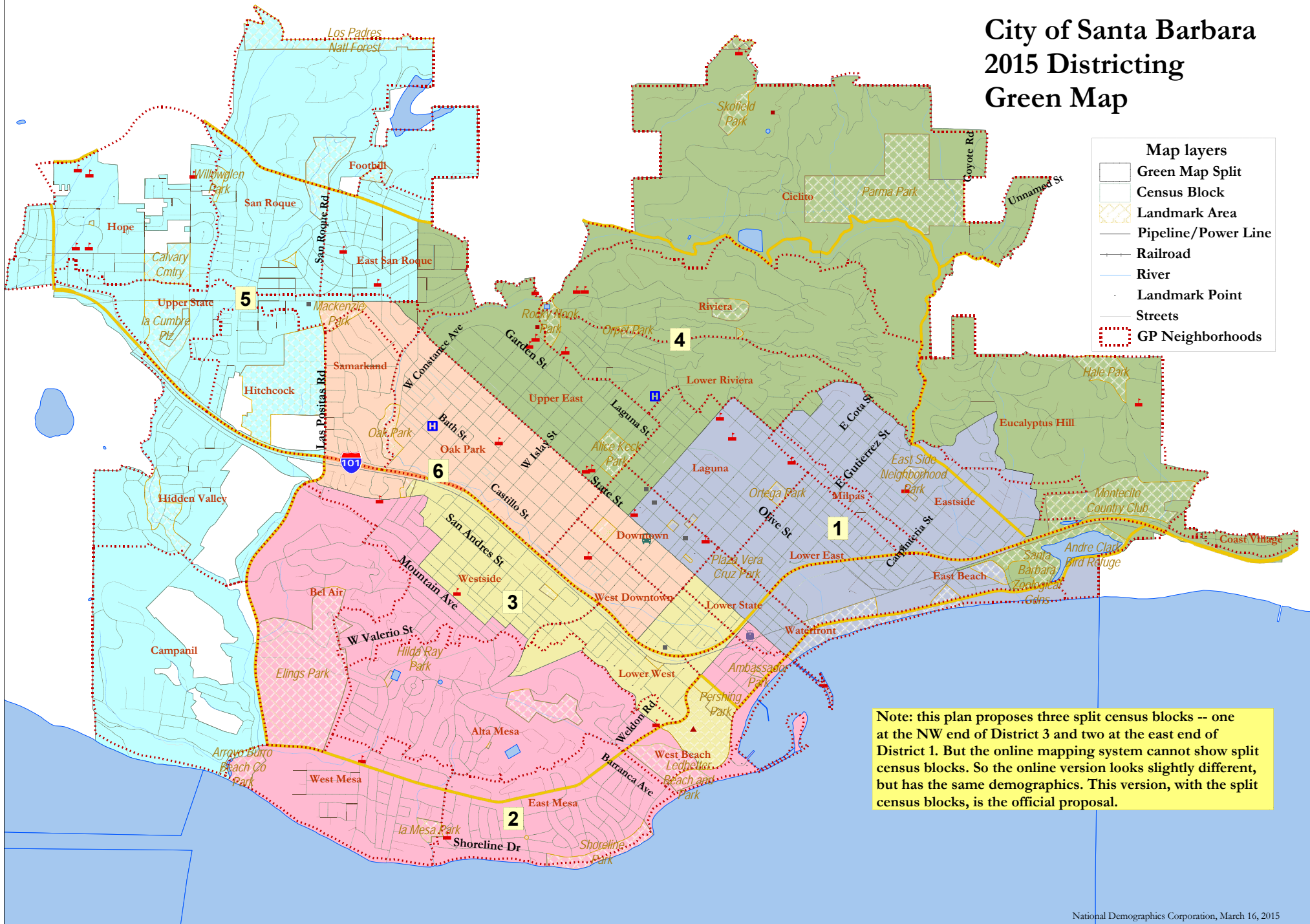
1 Far West
2 West
3 South
4 North
5 Central
6 East

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City of Santa Barbara 2015 Districting Green Map

- Map layers**
-  Green Map Split
 -  Census Block
 -  Landmark Area
 -  Pipeline/Power Line
 -  Railroad
 -  River
 -  Landmark Point
 -  Streets
 -  GP Neighborhoods



Note: this plan proposes three split census blocks -- one at the NW end of District 3 and two at the east end of District 1. But the online mapping system cannot show split census blocks. So the online version looks slightly different, but has the same demographics. This version, with the split census blocks, is the official proposal.

Santa Barbara Plan "Crow Plan"								
District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
	Total Pop	2,865	17,568	11,483	18,504	31,901	6,089	88,410
	Deviation from ideal	-11,870	2,833	-3,252	3,769	17,166	-8,646	29,036
	% Deviation	-80.56%	19.23%	-22.07%	25.58%	116.50%	-58.68%	197.05%
Total Pop	% Hisp	11%	58%	16%	23%	49%	23%	38%
	% NH White	82%	36%	74%	69%	44%	72%	55%
	% NH Black	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	% Asian-American	4%	4%	6%	6%	3%	3%	4%
Voting Age Pop	% Hisp	10%	51%	14%	20%	43%	20%	33%
	% NH White	84%	43%	76%	72%	49%	75%	60%
	% NH Black	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	% Asian-American	4%	4%	6%	5%	4%	3%	4%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total CVAP	2,359	8,999	8,536	13,399	20,164	4,237	57,694
	% Hisp	11%	36%	13%	19%	31%	19%	25%
	% NH White	85%	56%	81%	75%	61%	74%	68%
	% NH Black	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	% Asian-American	2%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Voter Registration (Nov 2012)	Total Registered	2,129	6,988	7,217	11,204	15,029	4,215	46,782
	% Latino	8%	30%	12%	14%	26%	13%	19%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2012)	Total Voters Voting	1,833	5,484	5,865	9,434	11,860	3,592	38,067
	% Latino	8%	28%	11%	13%	24%	11%	18%
	% Asian-Surnamed	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Age	age0-19	16%	27%	23%	18%	21%	26%	22%
	age20-60	49%	60%	57%	54%	62%	47%	58%
	age60plus	36%	13%	20%	28%	17%	27%	20%
Immigration	immigrants	14%	35%	22%	17%	28%	14%	25%
Housing Stats	vacant	5%	7%	11%	6%	10%	14%	9%
	occupied	95%	93%	89%	94%	90%	86%	91%
	rented	42%	59%	48%	48%	73%	33%	57%
	owned	58%	41%	52%	52%	27%	67%	43%
	singlefamily	70%	59%	65%	60%	51%	78%	59%
	multifamily	30%	41%	35%	40%	49%	22%	41%
Language spoken at home	english	83%	46%	70%	77%	55%	76%	62%
	spanish	10%	47%	21%	14%	39%	15%	31%
	asian-lang	0%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%
	other lang	6%	4%	6%	6%	4%	5%	5%
Children at Home	child-under18	14%	30%	25%	22%	21%	22%	23%
Work (percent of pop age 16+)	employed	53%	66%	63%	60%	68%	52%	64%
	Commute on Public Transit	1%	8%	6%	3%	6%	2%	5%
Household Income	hhincome0-25k	13%	18%	12%	17%	23%	17%	18%
	hhincome25-50k	13%	22%	19%	21%	23%	17%	21%
	hhincome50-75k	15%	19%	19%	16%	18%	10%	17%
	hhincome75-200k	39%	36%	39%	36%	30%	39%	34%
	hhincome200k-plus	20%	5%	11%	10%	6%	16%	9%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	39%	42%	42%	44%	44%	39%	43%
	bachelor	30%	20%	27%	27%	22%	31%	24%
	graduatedegree	28%	13%	22%	22%	15%	23%	18%
Total and Voting Age population data from the 2010 Decennial Census.								
Voter Registration and Turnout data from the California Statewide Database, Nov. 2012 data.								
Citizen Voting Age Pop., Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-year data.								